SECRET SOCIETY CHAT

What the Secret Orders of Butte are Doing.

BUTTE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

News of the Week Among the Riders of the Goat - Facts for United Workmen to Take Home to Themselves.

Knights of Pythias.

BUTTE, April 5 .- One of the greatest items of lodge expense is that of hall rent, This has to be met persistently and regularly. There are three lodges of Knights of Pythias in ch one of which has to pay \$25 a month hall rent. Their castle hall is very small and meagre in its accommodations, and on occasions of public entertain-ments it is entirely inadequate for the needs of the order. With a little push and energy this could be all changed. Among the members of the order in Butte are many wealthy and influential men, who by concerted action could easily secure a suitable piece of ground and soon erect a building which would not only be an ornament to the city, but a source of profit to the order.

A movement of this kind was started last year, but from lack of interest on the part of those who were in a position to help the matter along it was finally dropped. The Knights of this city should erect a castle hall. It could be a building the lower part of which could be rented for business purposes and at a figure which would leave a large upper story for lodge use, free rent to the or-der. The lodges would thus be enjoying an income instead of constantly meeting expenses. That which makes a lodge capaole of becoming useful is a well-filled treasury. When the exchequer is ex-hausted the charitable work of the order must be done by direct assessments on the membership; and assessments are oftimes heavily borne. As it is now this constant drain for rent cripples the resources of every lodge. Let those who can take hold of this matter and push it through.

Damon lodge No. 1 will have degree

work Monday night.
Oswego lodge will also confer degrees on Wednesday night, and Ivanhoe on Friday. All members and visiting broth-

ers are earnestly invited to attend. All members of Damon lodge, No. 1. K. of P., are requested to meet at Castle hall this evening, for the nomination and election of delegates to the grand lodge. All visiting knights invited to attend.

A. O. U. W.

The Montana Workman, the official or-gan of the A. O. U. W. of Montana, has the following comments on the next as-sessments: "The past six weeks have been the most sickly and the death rate has been greater throughout Montana generally than any like period within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There was a time when we had as high as 20 members dangerously ill with pneumonia in different parts of the state. These we heard of, but how many more there were that we did not hear of cannot be stated. "The result of this epidemic is three

as many more for May.
"What effect will this have on our membership? One says we may lose largely by suspension. Another says our membership will feel dissappointed that we undertook a Grand Lodge of our own, and we had better have remained where

assessments for this month and probably

we were, with the Nevada Jurisdiction. "Let no brother act hastily. In the Ne-vada Jurisdiction our brothers have paid six assessments in the past two months, while we have paid but three. They have three for May, as we have, so that any who may regret the change will see that we have fared better than our former as-

"As to suspensions. We do not believe our brethren to be of that selfish, cow-ardly character who will flee from a slight stroke of misfortune. Suppose it had been your lot to have fallen a victim to this dreadful disease? How would you have felt in your dying moments, if the cold hand of death were upon you, if it were true that because you happened to die during a very sickly time your broth-ers would falter? Take this home to yourselves, brothers.

'In the first place we take it that none of you will feel jealous of the dear brethren who have died. None of you will envy them. Your families will not feel jealous because they have not been left widows and orphans. That being the case, have we who have been spared not occasion to rejoice that we are left behind to pay assessments rather than that our names should be found on the death roll. If so, is it not selfish and cowardly for those of us who have escaped this epidemic to falter?

Rather like generous, noble men, step to the front, pay our three assessments more promptly than any we have ever paid before this month, and next, remembering that the occasion which calls for these heavy demands upon us suggests not less than six widows and about twenty orphans left fatherless.

It so happens that in nearly every case we have on our list, there have been left those who are sadly in need of our protection, and there never was a time when prompt payments were as important as will exist in April and May. Let each lodge pride itself on its small percentage

of suspensions during these two months. If any of our new members think we are having heavy calls upon them, they should bear in mind one fact, and that is, you were all admitted to the order at about one-half the cost paid by the older members, and if those who have been members for years are not disturbed by this streak of misfortune you certainly

ought not to be. The worst is over, and we trust that after April and May to resume our normal rate, and we believe the average for Mai rate, and we have a self-we what we of Montana have paid for several years.

Butte lodge No. 1 held their regular

weekly meeting last Wednesday evening but no business of importance was trans-acted. The subscription for the relief of Mrs. Norton is reported as having reached a handsome sum already and should bear every workman's signature.

P. O. S. of A.

Washington Camp No. 18 met last Tuesday night. Eight new candidates were initiated, which is a pretty good showing for a new lodge. The next meeting will be held Tuesday night, and a full attend-

ance is hoped for. Camp No. 1 is preparing to appoint

committees to confer with the business men with a view of obtaining their cooperation in celebrating the glorious Fourth of July in Butte. If the business men will think this proposition over they can not fail to see the benefit which they would derive from a grand celebration in this city. Large crowds would come in from every town and hamlet in the state, and naturally would bring a great deal of money into Butte on that day. It is a lit-tle early to broach this subject, some may think, but already invitations are coming in from different sections of the state asking the order to celebrate outside of

Order Sons of St. George. The regular meetings of the lodges in the district were held during the week, viz: Peace and Harmony lodge, Centerville, Tuesday; Victoria lodge, Butte, Wednesday, and Black Prince lodge, Walkerville, Friday.

On Friday evening one more new lodge of the order was instituted, bringing the total number of lodges in the state to eight. Dr. Livingstone lodge, so named after the great explorer, was started under the most favorable auspices, many of Burlington's most prominent citizens enrolling themselves under the banner of the order. A large number of the members of the sister louges in the neighborhood went out and a most enjoyable time was spent. The proceedings were con-ducted by D. D. W. G. P. Barker, ably assisted by G. I. S. Foster Williams, who is ever foremost in good works of this char-acter, and the officers of Peace and Harmony and Victoria lodges, who acted as grand lodge officers for the occasion. After the initiation ceremonies were completed many excellent speeches were given by those present. D. D. W. G. P. Barker made an unusually happy effort, and was ably seconded by G. I. S. Foster Williams, whose knowledge of secret society work and whole souled advocacy of whatever be undertakes make him a most valuable member. W. G. S. Hill, in a neat speech, urged the members to for-ever remember the push, pluck and perseverance which carried the great Dr. Livingstone through so many perilous en-terprises, and to endeavor to apply the same principles to the furtherance of the order of Sons of St. George. Many others present also spoke, the newly elected offi-cers showing by the able speeches they made that Burlington certainly possesses orators "to the manner born." The vis-itors got home at a late hour—in fact it is rumored that some did not arrive in town until Old Sol himself had risen from his eastern couch.

The usual meetings of the various lodges take place during the ensuing week, and all visiting brothers in the city are most cordially invited to attend. The secretaries of the various lodges will be only too willing to furnish all the necessary information to any wishing to join the order. Their addresses are: W. R. Tonkin, Gray Rock Terrace, Centreville; W. J. Palmer, 407 W. Copper, Butte; W. C. Siderfin, Walkerville; John Matthews,

DEER LODGE NOTES.

Interesting Gleanings and Chat for Its Social Circles.

DEER LODGE, April 5.—The grand masque ball of the Young Men's Pleasure

club given Friday evening at Lodge & Beaumont's hall was without doubt the best of its kind that Deer Lodge has seen for some years. The hall was crowded by the pleasure-going people of Deer Lodge, while Philipsburg, Anaconda and the surrounding country was well represented. Many of the costumes were unique, others elegant and most of all were the comic. The music was well rendered. Unmasking occurred at 11 p. m., which was followed by such a buzz of voices, commingling exclamations of astonishment and surprise with laughter that the music was drowned for a few minutes. At midnight a recess occurred during which time refreshments were served at the City Hotel. Dancing was then conbody reports a very pleasant time. It is difficult to give all the costumes, but dificult to give all the costumes, but among many present were the following: Mrs. H. A. Smurr, Spanish lady; Mrs. S. B. Mills, Red Riding Hood; Mrs. A. H. Mitchell, sunflower; Mrs. G. W. Irvine, maid; Mrs. C. S. Schroeder, woman suffragist; Mrs. H. G. Valiton, market woman; Mrs. J. F. Brazelton, Columbia; Mrs. Johnston, Spanish lady; Mrs. M. McMullen, maid; Mrs. J. S. Eldred, tambourine girl; Mrs. Joseph Whitworth, school girl; Mrs. H. P. McFarland, Swiss girl; Miss Mary Irvine, tennis girl; Miss Inez Illiott, angel; Miss Kate Evans, silver mine; Miss Carrie Williams, bride; Miss Etta Bennett, butterfly; Miss Anna Dix, card girl; Miss Julia McGoveru, tambourine girl; Miss Grace McFarland, school girl; Miss Milner, bug; Miss Mary Wardle, night; Miss Nellie Wardle, domino; Miss Lizzle Nuland, Swiss girl; Miss Oleta Hensler, bride; F. M. Guilette and Alf Whitworth, tho Two Dromios; M. Mignerey, page; S. R. Andrus, knight; E. Christian, Uncle Sam; G. W. Hoefler, page; Will Scott, baby; W. Wilson, cadet; Paul Mitchell, clown; Will Matchell, jockey; Joe Coleman, domino; Fred Hoss, tennis player; Albert Blen, sailor; J. F. Buchanan, soldier; Julius Bien, son of Erin; Joe Heneault, page; Henry Reed, jr., clown; Anson Bennett, jockey; B Hinsley, Farmers' alliance; Joseph A. Hyde, Dutchman; J. G. Moroney, prince; J. S. Eidred, clown; Milton Bennett, jockey; J. G. Smith, coast guard; Mr. Hensley, negro; E. Thompson, cadet; Walter Wiles, knight; J. H. Miller, domino; Will Coleman, prince; Lou Turner and A. D. Rose, dominos, Ed O Neil, school boy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Birdseye of Avon have made a visit of several days in town. William Coleman returned from his Eastern trip last Saturday night. He says he saw the sun four days in six weeks and that Montana is good enough for him.

Capt. J. W. Piummer, recently of Elkhorn, but who goes to Idaho to take the management of a group of mines purchased by an English syndicate, was in town on Friday last and visited the Oro Fino mines.

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chased by an Engish syndrate, was in town on Friday last and visited the Oro Fino mines.

H. S. Reed returned on Wednesday from a trip to his former home in Maine, which he had not visited before for 22 years. He visited all the principal cities of the East and was the guest of some former Deer Lodge residents, A. B. Howard at Cincinnati and Dr. McMillan at New York.

The young men of the Gamma Theta Literary society will give in open meeting in the college chapel in Trask hall, this evening, which no doubt will be a success. The programme consists of songs, declamations and readings, closing with a laughable farce, entitled, "Initiating a Granger" which depicts life at an agricultural college.

The funeral of Mrs. Lou P. Smith was largely attended this afternoon.

Mrs. D. S. Fotheringham is down from Anaconda on a weeks," visit with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Humber.

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Falls yesterday and will probably make Deer Lodge his residence for the future. Harry L. Scharnikow returned to-day from a week's outing. He failed to find the contemplated game he went in search

Mrs. G. W. Irvin and her daughter Mary are visiting with Mrs. A. H. Mit-chell.

chell.

Will Colman and Mr. A. D. Rose came over from Philipsburg to attend the masquerade. They were welcomed by their many friends.

Quite a number of Deer Lodge people have gone to Butte during the past week seeing the "Sea King," They report it splendid and well worth the trip.

SCENE: A CLOAK ROOM.

Enter Senator Jones and Congres Laidlaw, Entire Strangers. From the Chicago Herald.

Senator Jones and Representative Laidlaw are both great men, and it is surprising that two such mighty intellects should not have come in contact before, inasmuch as both have been in congress together for several years. They have not met, however, and up to and until the past session they were not personally acquainted. Their introduction came through a little talk on silver in one of the cloak quainted. Their introduction came through a little talk on silver in one of the cloak rooms of the house. Laidlaw, seeing Jones, and evidently taking him for an ex-congressman or a stranger who had in some way slipped into the holy of holies, the inner sanctum of the house, accosted him and asked him what he thought of the silver bill of last session. Senator Jones made no bones of saying just what he thought of silver. Laidlaw straightway differed from him, and the discussion began to wax warm. As the talk grew louder other members gathered around and listened, and Laidlaw in a buildozing way tried to bluff Jones and laughed at his arguments. At last, not dreaming he was talking to Senator Jones, he said:

"I don't know of any one who has as foolish ideas on this subject as you have except that cranky Jones of the senate, who says"—and here he quoted from one of Jones' speeches. "But Jones doesn't know what he is talking about. No one thinks anything of his opinion, and he is a first-class crank."

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"If you think so, I guess we had better discontinue our discussion," said the now trate senator. "Who are you, anyhow?"

"I am a member of the house of representatives, sir." said Laidlaw, "from the state of New York, sir, and my name is Laidlaw, sir. Now, perhaps, sir, you will tell me who in the devil you are, sir?"

"Oh," said Senator Jones, very coolly, "I am a member of congress from Nevada, and I belong to the other side of the capitol, and my name is Jones." capitol, and my name is Jones.'

THE "AD" WHICH NEVER CAME. And He Only Wanted a Dollar to Give Himself a Big Introduction,

From the New York Sun. He was tall, gaunt and seedy, and he had a sore eye and carried his right hand enveloped in a bandanna which had evidently traveled afar. He walked up to a man who was standing at one of the windows in the postoffice corridor, and extending a piece of wrapping paper and a stub of a pencil, he commanded:

"Write me a personal to be inserted in the papers. You see my right hand is use-

"I'll oblige you, certainly," replied the other. "What will you have?" "Write it thusly: Will the lady who had on a sealskin ulster and diamond earrings, and whose front teeth were filled with gold—"

with gold—"
"I've got it."
"—and who is doubtless way up in G, and who stood for a moment on the corner of Fifth avenue and Fourteenth street three weeks ago Tuesday—"
"I have it down."
"—and who was smiled at by gent, evidently the victim of adverse circumstances, and who seemed to regard him with favorable consideration—"
"I'm waiting."
"—please send her address to: 'Crushed,

"I'm waiting."

"—please send her address to: 'Crushed,
But Not Conquered, City Postoffice.' She
can write in confidence. Object: Mutual
advancement, and possibly matrimony."

"Exactly. Here it is. Is that all?"

"That's all. Thanks."

"And do you think it will work?"

"It's got to. I've staked my all on the
throw, and desperation always brings
success. If you could advance me a dollar to buy a boquet of roses to hold in my

left hand at our first meeting I think—"
But the other had gone, and the soft
March breezes crept in at the open doors
and gently climbed up the long, thin
body of the unconquered until they
reached his ear and soothingly whispered
"Next." let of ros

Habit Beats the Bishop.

loston Gazette, Washington Special. During the session of the Methodist conference last week one of the ministers went into a drug store about dusk on a chilly evening and asked the proprietor for a good, mild cigar. After paying for it he added:

"Is there any place around your store where I can have a quiet smoke? Our bishop has just been preaching pretty sharply against the use of tobacco, so I don't want to smoke 'round the house where I am staying, nor out in the street, on account of the bad example I might set. But a mild cigar does rest one so." The druggist quite agreed with him, and

said: "Step behind my prescription counter,

sir; you will be unseen there."

Two minutes later another good minister came into the store, bought a mild cigar and asked if he might be permitted to

gar and asked if he might be permitted to smoke in the store, because:
"Our bishop has just been preeching against smoking," he explained, almost in the exact words of his predecessor.

He also was sent behind the prascription counter. The screen hid the two dominies from sight, but it did not shut out the peals of laughter which arose when minister number two encountered minister number one. minister number one.

We Weep for Boston.

From the Chicago Tribune, Boston Citizen (on his way home from

Boston Citizen (on his way home from church): "Wait outside a moment, please, Waldonia, while I step into this drug store and get a cigar."

Wife of Boston Citizen: "I thought drug stores in this town were not allowed to sell cigars Sunday?"

Boston Citizen: "They are allowed to sell them when needed for catarrh. (To druggist a few moments later: 'Jodes, give me ted-cedt cigar. Batch, please. Thanks.')"

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